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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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TAGS: ENRG, GT

SUBJECT: US EXPORTS OF LGP TO GUATEMALA

(PROPANE, BUTANE, NGL)

1. OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, REPORTS THAT AT LEAST 2 OF ; US FIRMS TRADITIONALLY SUPPLYING LIQUID NATURAL GAS (LPG), PROPANE AND PROPANE-BUTANE TO GUATEMALA HAVE REQUESTED INCREASES IN GUATEMALAN SHIPMENTS. AS YOU AWARE, USG IMPOSED QUOTAS UNDER EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT AND EMERGENCY PETROLEUM ALLOCATION ACT BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC SHORTAGES.

2. CURRENT GUATEMALAN QUOTA IS 2,876 BBLs PER QUARTER.

THIRD QUARTER QUOTA, BASED UPON JULY 1 TO SEPT 30, 1972

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IS SCHEDULED TO DROP SLIGHTLY TO 2,335 (REPRESENTING 95

PERCENT WITH ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT HELD CONTINGENCY
COMMERCE NOW REVIEWING REQUEST TO INCREASE THIRD
QUARTER SHIPMENTS TO 10,713 BBLs ON ONE-TIME BASIS.

3. FIRM REQUESTING INCREASE HAS PRODUCED FOLLOWING DATA
AND JUSTIFICATION. GUATEMALA IMPORTED 2,857 BBLs OF
LPG FROM US IN 1971, 72, AND 73, WHILE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION
REMAINED STEADY AT ABOUT 10,000 BBLs AND IMPORTS FROM
MEXICO INCREASED FROM 22,571 BBLs TO 32,381 BBLs.

4. EXPORTER ALLEGES THAT ALL SUPPLIES FROM TAPACHULA WERE
CURTAILED IN MARCH 1974, THAT LOCAL SUPPLY IS NOT
AVAILABLE AND THAT UNLESS LPG IS SUPPLIED FROM US,
QUOTE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN GUATEMALA WOULD GO WITHOUT
GAS FOR COOKING UNQUOTE. FIRM STATES THAT 2,815
CUSTOMERS HAVE GONE WITHOUT GAS SINCE MARCH 1974.

5. ACCORDINGLY COMMERCE REQUESTS COMMENTS ON FOREGOING
IN ORDER ASSIST IN EVALUATING URGENCY THIS EXCEPTIONAL
SHIPMENT IN LIGHT US DOMESTIC SHORTAGES AND STRICT EXPORT
CONTROLS. KISSINGER

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